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FRENCH PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC'S STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF FRANCE'S INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR FORCE--COMING ONLY ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER PRESIDENT GISCARD'S DETAILED REVIEW OF DEFENSE MATTERS--INDICATES THAT THIS PILLAR OF GAULLIST DEFENSE POLICY WILL BE GIVEN CONTINUED HIGH PRIORITY IN FRENCH DEFENSE PLANNING.

CHIRAC'S STATEMENT ON MAINTAINING THE NUCLEAR FORCE IS THE  
FIRST MAJOR DEFENSE PRONOUNCEMENT FROM A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL  
SINCE THE ECLOSE OF PRESIDENT GISCARD'S "WEEK OF REFLECTION" ON  
DEFENSE MATTERS. DESPITE WIDE MEDIA COMMENT, GISCARD AND HIS  
CONFIDANTS REMAIN TIGHT-LIPPED ABOUT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS

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REVIEW, AND RESULTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE KNOWN UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT PRESENTS ITS 1975 DEFENSE BUDGET IN THE FALL.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES REMAIN A CRITICAL POINT IN FRENCH POLICY. SOME CRITICS OF THE DEFENSE POLICY HAVE CHARGED THAT FRANCE HAS STARVED ITS CONVENTIONAL ARMY IN ORDER TO BUILD UP ITS EXPENSIVE NUCLEAR OPTION. E-2 IMPDET.

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